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RE: North Central Coast Sub-Region 1

Dear Mr. Wiseman,

Thank you for holding the North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCCRS) meeting in Gualala. This meeting allowed The Sea Ranch Association Board members, staff, and members, and other local coastal residents, to participate in the NCCRS deliberations which were informative for all.

Having now reviewed the NCCRS working groups Sub-Region 1 draft options and apprised The Sea Ranch Association Board of Directors on progress, I have a few requests for reconsideration of these options. To clarify my requests, I have summarized in the table below my understanding of the three NCCRS working-groups' draft options for Sub-Region 1 developed at the Gualala meeting.

SUMMARY OF NCCRS WORKING-GROUP MPA OPTIONS Sub-region 1, Point Arena to Horseshoe Point 10/17/07

MPA	Emerald		Jade		Turquoise	
	A	B	A	B	A	B
Del Mar Landing	SMP #265	SMP #265	SMR #461	Abandon	SMP #454	SMP #454
Black Point to Salt Point Offshore	New, SMCA #221	New, SMCA #237	-	New, SMCA #445	New, SMCA #447	New, SCMA #418
Black Point to Salt Point Onshore	New, SMR #222	New, SMR #238	New, SMR #446	New, SMR #444	New, SMR #446	New, SMR #417
TSR Seal Rookery	-	-	-	-	Suggested special closure	Suggested special closure

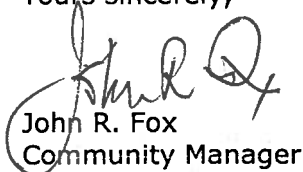
Del Mar Landing MPA Possibly in response to our letter of August 15, 2007 raising the issue of street water discharges into a MPA, none of the working-groups recommended expansion of the existing Del Mar Landing ecological study area, but did recommend retention as a SMP (Emerald and Turquoise Groups) or SMR (Jade Group, Option A). I respectfully request this area be retained as a State Marine Reserve (SMR), which, in effect, is its present status. Marine life in this area has been protected for some 35 years, and continuation of this protection could provide useful data on abalone populations in assessing the present/future impact of access on the remainder of The Sea Ranch coast.

Black Point to Salt Point. The working-groups' designation of the onshore region from Black Point to Salt Point as a SMR raises a serious concern. With SMRs proposed both north and south of The Sea Ranch, while leaving the majority of The Sea Ranch coast access undesignated, The Sea Ranch, with its ready access via public access points along Highway One and trails to the coast, will likely experience increased use pressure that could overwhelm present enforcement resources. To partially ameliorate this anticipated use increase, I respectfully request the "onshore" area from Black Point to Salt Point be classified in a less restrictive manner than SMR. Since this coastal area is now held privately to a large degree, access to the coast is limited and to some degree the effects of a SMR designation would be achieved without totally restricting access as is the case with an official SMR designation.

The Sea Ranch Rookery. Since 1996, The Sea Ranch Association members have participated in a seal docent program that protects harbor seals during pupping at two locations on The Sea Ranch coast, Tide Pool Beach and Green Cove. As a component of this program, The Sea Ranch Association has restricted access to these locations during seal pupping season, typically April and May. The Turquoise working-group responded to the information by suggesting a special closure for these two locations as part of the MPA design, and I respectfully request that this special seasonal closure at these locations become part of the MPA design for this region.

I would appreciate you forwarding this letter on to the MLPA Master Plan Scientific Advisory Team before their meeting on November 13, 2007 in Pacifica.

Yours sincerely,



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cc: The Sea Ranch Board of Directors
The Sea Ranch Planning Committee